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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Lam, et al
Serial No: 09/802,709
Filed: 03/08/2001
For: METHODS AND DEVICES
FOR PROVIDING
PROLONGED DRUG
THERAPY

Group Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: FAY, Z.

Letter

Letter

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Madam:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment dated December 19, 2001 regarding the above-identified patent application stating the Applicant's failed to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2001.

Applicants subsequently received an Office Communication dated May 7, 2002 regarding the above-identified patent application stating that "the amendment filed January 9, 2002 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive."

Attached hereto is a copy of the original documents filed in response to the May 29, 2001 Office Action, which were mailed to the U.S.P.T.O. on November 29, 2001, and are as follows:

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3. Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 page)
4. Amendment (4 pages)
5. Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail (1 page)
6. Courtesy Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed March 8, 2001 (5 pages)
7. Revocation and New Power of Attorney (2 pages)

Applicants did not cancel any further claims in the November 29, 2001 response to the Office Action and Applicants are unaware of any further amendment "filed January 9, 2002" other than the attached response.

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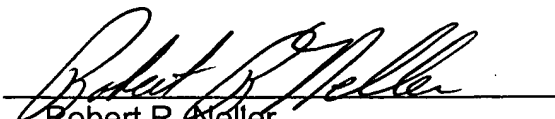
Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and await allowance or Office Action responsive to Applicant's November 29, 2001 response.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned at (650) 564-5171.

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Invention:

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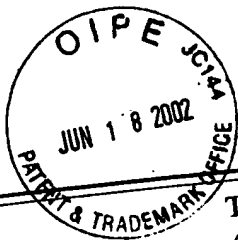
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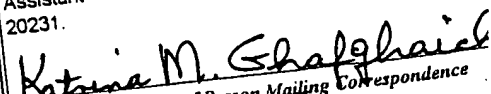
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Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Filed: March 08, 2001

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR PROVIDING PROLONGED DRUG THERAPY

Extension of Time

A petition for a three-month extension of time and the fee therefore accompanies this response.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as obvious over Dong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,770,227) and Patrick et al., Biopharmaceuticals & Drug Disposition, 10:165-171 (1989). To the extent the rejection may apply to claims 2 and 58-68, it is respectfully traversed.

Dong et al. relate to a therapeutic composition of progesterone for hormone replacement therapy (column 1, lines 10-16). Dong et al. employ two different tablet cores that are combined to prepare a dosage form for dispensing progesterone to the gastrointestinal tract of a human, (see for example, Example 7 of the specification). The dosage form may further contain an interior surface facing the dual core design and an exterior surface coated on its exterior surface having a semipermeable wall (Example 11). The dosage form may also contain an osmagent (Example 15).

Patrick et al. merely provide a perspective on the absorption of sustained-release methylphenidate formulations compared to immediate release formulations (page 165). This perspective is provided by comparing 3 products: a 10 mg tablet of MPH-IR Ritalin®, a 20 mg tablet of MPH-SR Ritalin®, and a newly formulated 20 mg tablet of MPH-SR from MD Pharmaceuticals (Santa Ana, Ca) (page 166). The authors concluded that the three formulations demonstrated were equivalent in the extent of absorption (page 170).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for a number of reasons. Establishment of a *prima facie* case of obviousness requires that the cited documents teach or suggest all of the limitations of the rejected claims. In addition, some suggestion or motivation must be provided to modify the documents to reach the claimed invention. Further, a document must be

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considered as a whole, including those portions of the document that teach away from the claimed invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of elements recited in claims 2 and 58-68 are not taught or suggested by Dong et al. and Patrick et al. Moreover, Applicants further submit that one of skill in the art would not be motivated to prepare a dosage form or methods as recited in Applicants' claims.

Dong et al. fail to teach or suggest any dosage form containing a single tablet core coated with a semipermeable membrane. Instead, Dong et al. employ two different tablet cores and combine these cores in a gelatin capsule. Moreover, Dong et al. is unrelated to a method for lessening the incidence of tolerance to methylphenidate to a patient or a method for treating attention deficient disorder in a patient.

Additionally, Dong et al. do not teach or suggest a dosage form that releases drug at a sustained and "increasing" dose as claimed by Applicants. Dong et al. merely provide an "acceptable oral means for administering progesterone at a controlled does over time," (column 1, lines 46-48). Moreover, Dong et al. fail to teach or suggest any dosage form having a single body core. Dong et al. relate only to combining two different tablet cores to prepare a dosage form. And, as pointed out by the Examiner, Dong et al. fail to teach or suggest a CNS acting drug, such as methylphenidate.

The secondary reference, Patrick et al., fails to supply that which is missing from Dong et al. Specifically, Patrick et al. merely provide a perspective on the absorption of sustained-release methylphenidate formulations compared to immediate release formulations. No teaching, suggestion or motivation is provided for the dosage forms and methods as claimed by Applicants.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention recited in claims 2 and 58-68 are patentable over Dong et al. in view of Patrick et al. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are respectfully requested.

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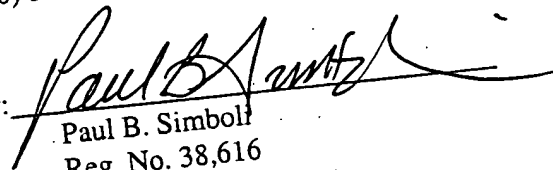
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Conclusion

In light of the remarks presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 2 and 58-68 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,
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Applicant(s): Lam et al.) Group Art Unit: 1614
Serial No.: 09/802,709) Examiner: Z. Fay
Filed: 03/08/2001)
For: Methods and Devices for Providing Prolonged Drug Therapy

REVOCATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

Director of the USPTO
Washington, D.C. 20231

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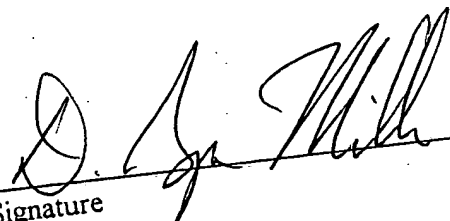
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ALZA Corporation a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of DELAWARE and having an office and place of business at 1900 Charleston Road, Mountain View, CA 94043, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors, for which a copy thereof is attached. I have reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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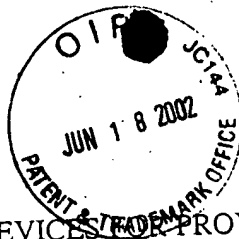
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For:	METHODS AND DEVICES FOR PROVIDING PROLONGED DRUG THERAPY			

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
ATTN: Box Patent Application
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:
Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for examination, please amend the specification as follows:

In the Specification

✓ Please delete paragraph [0001] and insert therefore new paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/253,317, filed February 19, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/070,666, filed April 30, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/910,593, filed July 31, 1997, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/030,514 and 60/044,121, filed November 12, 1996 and April 22, 1997, respectively.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 and 3-47. ✓

Please add the new claims 48-58: ✓

48. A method for lessening the incidence of tolerance to methylphenidate administered to an Attention-Deficit Disorder patient who develops tolerance to methylphenidate, wherein the method comprises administering orally to the patient a dosage form tablet that delivers 100 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate in a sustained and increasing dose over 16 hours to produce the intended effect.

49. A method for lessening the incidence of tolerance in a patient having Attention-Deficit Disorder, wherein the method comprises administering a pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, that is administered in a sustained and increasing dose for lessening the incidence of tolerance in the patient.

50. A method for treating Attention-Deficit Disorder in a patient, wherein the method comprises administering a pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of a member selected from the group consisting of amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, methamphetamine, phenylisopropylamine, and pemoline, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, in a sustained and increasing dose for treating Attention-Deficit Disorder in the patient.

51. A method for maintaining the therapeutic effect of methylphenidate in an Attention-Deficit Disorder patient who acquires tolerance to methylphenidate, wherein the method comprises administering orally to the patient a dosage form tablet comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate that delivers the methylphenidate in a controlled and increasing dose over 16 hours to maintain the therapeutic effect in the patient.

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52. A method for compensating for a decrease in the therapeutic effect to methylphenidate in an Attention-Deficit Disorder patient, wherein the method comprises administering a dosage form tablet comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate to the patient that administers the methylphenidate in a continually-ascending rate over 16 hours to compensate for the decrease in the therapeutic effect.

53. A method for treating Attention-Deficit Disorder in a human, wherein the method comprises administering orally to a human having Attention-Deficit Disorder a dosage form that administers a sustained and continuously ascending dose of 100 ng to 500 mg.

54. A method of treating Attention-Deficit Disorder in a human wherein the method comprises administering orally to a human having Attention-Deficit Disorder a dosage form that administers a sustained and continuously ascending dose of 5 mg to 75 mg over 12 hours of a drug selected from the group consisting of methylphenidate and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts for treating Attention-Deficit Disorder in the human.

55. A method of treating Attention-Deficit Disorder in a human, wherein the method comprises administering orally to a human having Attention-Deficit Disorder a dosage form that administers a sustained and continuously ascending dose of 100 ng to 500 mg over 16 hours of a drug selected from the group consisting of amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, methamphetamine, threomethylphenidate, phenylisopropylamine, and pemoline for treating Attention-Deficit Disorders in the human.

56. A method for the management of Attention-Deficit Disorder and Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity disorder in a patient, wherein the method comprises administering orally to the patient a dosage form comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate that is administered in a sustained and continuously ascending dose throughout a school day for the management of Attention-Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in the patient.

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57. A dosage form tablet for treating Attention-Deficit Disorder comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier that release the methylphenidate in a sustained and increasing dose for treating Attention-deficit Disorder.

58. A dosage form tablet for treating Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, comprising 100 ng to 500 mg of a member selected from the group consisting of methylphenidate and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts mixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier that is delivered in a controlled and increasing dose for treating Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended, i.e., paragraph [0001], to claim priority to parent application, U.S. Application No. 09/253,317.

Claims 1 and 3-47 have been canceled and claims 48-58 have been added. Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 2 and 48-58 should be pending in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention withdrawn U.S. Patent No. 6,034,101 (courtesy copy enclosed herewith). The claims previously allowed in U.S. Patent No. 6,034,101 (claims 1-11), are the claims now presented by preliminary amendment. This application claims priority to this withdrawn patent, i.e., U.S. Application No. 08/910,593, filed July 31, 1997.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding the above new claims or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 29 May 2001, Applicants submit the following:

Remarks

Remarks
<p>Applicants wish to point out to the Examiner that a preliminary amendment was filed with the above-identified patent application on 08 March 2001. In the preliminary amendment, claims 1 and 3-47 were canceled and claims 58-68 were added. Thus, claims 2 and 58-68 are currently pending in the present application, not claims 1-34 as indicated in the current Office Action (a courtesy copy of the preliminary amendment is submitted herewith).</p>

Applicants will address the rejections as they apply to the present pending claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)	Docket No. ARC 2865N1
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Invention:

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 29, 2001 in the above-identified application.
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